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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Conf. No.: 6570

ITOH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2819

Application No.: 09/735,555

Examiner: D. Chang

Filed: December 14, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108075-00022

For: OUTPUT BUFFER CIRCUIT AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 20, 2003

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 8, 2003. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following amendments.

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